



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Council

Submitted by: Mayor Abraham Zebian

Date: September 24, 2024

Subject: Emergency Funding for Sweets Corner Community Hall

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Council approve emergency funding in the amount of \$16,000 for the immediate installation of a new ducted heat pump for the Sweets Corner Community Hall to keep it operational 12 months of the year and to be funded from the Canada Community Building Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Sweets Corner Community Hall is one of a number of halls within West Hants Regional Municipality. Currently, the board heats the hall with oil furnace but does not have the funds available to be able to purchase enough oil to keep the hall operational heading into the winter months forcing many cancellations for bookings.

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DISCUSSION

The board chair approached myself with their concerns for staying open. He expressed they have been very active fundraising and looking for ways to generate revenue but the board of the Sweets Corner Hall still find themselves unable to afford the cost of oil to heat the building all winter long. They are requesting emergency funding and the support of council to keep the Sweets Corner Community Hall open all winter long.

NEXT STEPS

TBD by council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be financial implications if council approves this motion.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may not approve the motion.

Council may suggest something else.

ATTACHMENTS

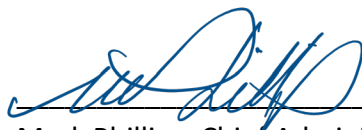
None.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Staff await direction from Council regarding the request. The request does fall outside of the existing grant policy of Council. A review of the existing policy should be considered to ensure consistency is applied to all groups seeking Council's financial support. Staff will further confirm if there are existing grants that may assist with their needs.

Report Prepared by: Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Report Reviewed by:



Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer